

## *Schedule of Events*

### **Today**

**Nursery** – Mary VanderWerp, Mary Weesies

**Refreshments** – Bob & Ruth Eekhoff, John & Ashley Medendorp

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

### **Next Week**

**Tuesday** – Farmer's Market – 4:00 – 7:00 pm

### **Sunday**

**Nursery** – Amy Weesies, Kate Eilers

**Refreshments** – Rose Brace, Bob & Barb Reed

**Evening Service** – 6:00 pm

## *Important Dates*

September 10 – Elder & Deacon Nominations Due

September 11 – Manna Monday

September 12 - Farmer's Market - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## *Offering Report - Sunday, August 13, 2023*

Total Offering - \$1,959

Benevolence - \$96

Today's Offering – Benevolence

Next Week's Offering – Missions – Angel Community Church

World Missions - \$334

Farmer's Market - \$29

## *Contact Information*

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Announcements are due by 3 PM on Thursdays to ensure they are printed in the weekly bulletin.

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**Prayer Requests** – Contact Diane Adema at [diane.adema@gmail.com](mailto:diane.adema@gmail.com).



## ***New Era Christian Reformed Church***

*"Growing in Relationship with God, with Each Other,  
and with our Community"*



*Pastor John C. Medendorp*

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**Worship Service at 9:30 am and 6:00 pm**

**1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446**  
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*Ordinary Time*  
*Sunday, August 20, 2023*

**Order of Worship**

Welcome	
Call To Worship	Psalm 119:41-48
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	<b><i>Holy Holy Holy Blessed Assurance Amazing Grace</i></b>
Confession & Assurance	From Romans 8
Passing the Peace	<b><i>Lift High the Cross</i></b>
Children's Message	
Children's Song	<b><i>I've Got Peace Like a River</i></b>
Children's Message	
Offering	Benevolence
Congregational Prayer	
Memory Verse	Proverbs 3:5-6
<b>“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”</b>	
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 12
Sermon	The Way of Life
*Closing Song	<b><i>Wisdom Calls</i></b>
*Blessing	
*Doxology	<b><i>My Friends May You Grow in Grace</i></b>

*Announcements*

- **Nominations for Council** – Nomination ballots for the office of Elder and Deacon are available under the mailboxes. The council asks that each member take one home and prayerfully consider who to nominate for these positions in our church. The ballots should be filled out and put in a signed envelope in the box under the mailboxes by Sunday, September 10.

- **Pastor's Class** – The final Pastor's Class for new members and those making a profession of faith will be held today after church. If you are interested in joining a class this fall, please contact Pastor John.

- **Famer's Market** – Join us on Tuesday for Mid-Summer Fun! The children's program from 4-5 will feature lawn games, balloon art, and more. Join us for fresh produce, products, and food from local farmers, artisans, and restaurants. Live music by Acoustic Oasis begins at 5. Sign up for set-up, registration, or tear-down on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's Study.

*Council Updates*

*Council met on Wednesday, August 9 to make decisions and hear reports from the pastor, elders, deacons, and ministries. Here are a few highlights from the meeting:*

- Due to growing membership and ministry, the **size of council** will be increased to 5 elders and 5 deacons for the coming round of nominations. Bob Bush's term as deacon has been extended by one year to help facilitate this transition.
- Beginning next year, **council executives** will consist of 2 elders, 2 deacons, and the pastor, to allow for more collaboration and unity between the consistory and the diaconate in pursuing the church's vision and goals.
- Daily fees for **church rentals/special events** were adjusted for custodial and tech services.
- Council is still seeking members who are willing to serve on a **steering committee for the Hispanic ministry**. Members of this committee will assist Pastor John and council in fundraising, leading the church planter search process, and leading the congregation in prayer for this ministry. Contact Dave Zoller or Pastor John if you are interested.
- The Building and Grounds Committee has secured an **animal control** agency to secure both the church and the parsonage against bats and mice and remove a honeybee colony in the church chimney.

## **I've Got Peace Like a River**

1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul! (in my soul) (x2)

2 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul! (in my soul) (x2)

3 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul! (in my soul) (x2)

## **Wisdom Calls**

1 At the crossroads of decision Wisdom calls to all and each: "Come, my children, learn and listen—heed the ways I seek to teach." Conscious thoughts or intuition frame her words of grace and peace: "Choose the pathway of the Lord."

2 On the ash heap of disaster "Where is God?" we cry and weep. Friends are false and faith uncertain; Wisdom seems beyond our reach. Still she whispers from the whirlwind of our pain and of our grief: "Trust the goodness of the Lord."

3 On a cross and in a manger God's compassion is made plain. "Word made flesh" is God among us; "He is risen" brings hope for pain. "Come, you weary," pleads the Savior; Wisdom calls to us again: "Cast your burdens on the Lord."

## **My Friends May You Grow in Grace**

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen. To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

## *Worship Notes*

### **Morning Service**

This summer we are exploring the Old Testament book of Proverbs. The Proverbs are "wise sayings" from ancient Israel. The wise living they describe begins with the "fear of the Lord" and promises to lead to fulfillment and contentment. Today, Pastor John will preach on "The Way of Life" from Proverbs 12.

### **Evening Service**

In the evening service we are exploring the life of prayer through the Lord's Prayer. Tonight we will be looking at the first request, "Hallowed be your name." What does hallowed mean? And what do we pray for when we ask God for this first thing that he tells us to pray for? Join us for a time of song, discussion, fellowship, and prayer.

### **Next Week**

In the morning, Pastor John will preach on "Instruction and Discipline" from Proverbs 13. In the evening we will explore Lord's Day 48 of the Heidelberg Catechism, "Your Kingdom Come".

## *Prayer Requests*

- For Keri Hall as she has been suffering from serious migraines. She will be going for a scan on August 21.
- For Elizabeth TenBrink has returned to her apartment in Muskegon. Please pray for continued recovery after her surgery.
- For those who cannot currently worship with us in person: Paul Mulder, Cliff Prince, Elizabeth (Betty) TenBrink, Agnes Wybenga, and others.
- For all who journey with cancer: Henry Hoekstra, Sarah Samuelson, and others.
- For all who journey with mental health, depression, anxiety, and dementia.
- For all who live under the threat of war and violence in Ukraine, Burkina Faso, the province of Manipur in India, Sudan, Israel and Palestine, and so many other places. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!
- For our congregation and leadership, as we seek to begin a Latino Outreach ministry. Pray that God will continue to bless our church and help us grow deeper in relationship.
- For our sponsored missionaries: Pablo & Sheryl Canchè in Mexico City, Jeffrey & Evelyn Hough in Muskegon, Jeff & Kristi Schmidt with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Bob & Marcia Vermaire in Sierra Leone, and the many church planters we partner with through Mission India.

## **Holy Holy Holy**

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## **Blessed Assurance**

1 Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3 Perfect submission: all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

***Refrain*** This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

## **Amazing Grace**

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## **Lift High the Cross**

***Refrain*** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

3 From north and south, from east and west we raise in growing unison our song of praise.

5 Let every race and every language tell of him who saves our lives from death and hell.